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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CHARGES PROBABLY TRUE

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1. TWO WELL INFORMED CHURCH SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN GOC STATEMENT (REFTEL) CONCERNING INVOLVEMENT OF CHURCH PERSONS IN ASSISTING MIR FUGITIVES ARE GENERALLY TRUE TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, WITH ONE MAJOR EXCEPTION. THIS IS THE GOVERNMENT'S VERSION OF SHOUT OUT AT COMUMBAN FATHERS' REST HOME. CHURCH LEADERS SEEM SINCERELY CONVINCED THAT ONLY SHOOTING WHICH TOOK PLACE THERE WAS DONE BY GOVERNMENT SECURITY AGENTS, THAT NO SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM WITHIN HOME, AND THAT NO DINA AGENT WAS WOUNDED THERE. THEY FEEL QUITE STRONGLY THAT GOC CONCOCTED ITS VERSION TO COVER UP DINA TRIGGER-HAPPINESS WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OF HOUSEKEEPER. SOURCES ALSO HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM EXISTENCE OF DE. CASSIDY'S UNIDENTIFIED COMPANION. THEY DOUBT SUCH A PERSON EXISTS.

2. BRITISH DCM CAME TO SAME CONCLUSION AS OUR CHURCH SOURCES. WE DO NOT KNOW HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION, BUT IT INCLUDED VISIT TO COLUMBAN FATHERS REST HOME.

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3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT VERSION CARRIED IN GOC PRESS STATEMENT

IS CONSISTENT WITH STORY OF SHOOT-OUT PROVIDED BY SECURITY
AGENCY (SANTIAGO 7363).
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